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THIRTY DOLLARS PER ANNUM.

THE UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LTD. Sole Agents for the UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LTD. LONDON. DOWELL & CO., LTD. General Agents.

## Banks.

**THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.**  
ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL (SUBSCRIBED AND PAID-UP) Yen 12,000,000  
RESERVE FUND 7,500,000

Head Office.—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies:  
TOKYO, KOBÉ, NAGASAKI, LONDON, LYONS, NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU, BOMBAY, SHANGHAI, TIENTSIN.

LONDON BANKERS:  
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LD.  
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, LD.

HONGKONG AGENCY.—INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent per annum on the Daily Balance.  
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 4 per cent.

S. CHOW, Agent.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1899. [382]

**THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.**

Authorised Capital 1,000,000  
Paid up Capital 324,374

HEAD OFFICE.—HONGKONG.

Board of Directors:  
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.,  
Chow Tung Shang, Esq.,  
D. Gillies, Esq.,  
J. T. Lau, Esq.,  
Chief Manager,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5%  
Hongkong, 30th May, 1899. [18]

**THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.**

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.  
HEAD OFFICE.—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP 800,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS 800,000  
RESERVE FUND 500,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent per annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 per cent.  
T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1898. [31]

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**

PAID-UP CAPITAL 1,000,000  
RESERVE FUND 1,000,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS 1,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:  
R. M. GRAY, Esq., Chairman,  
N. A. SIEBS, Esq., Deputy Chairman,  
E. Goets, Esq.,  
A. Haupt, Esq.,  
R. H. Hill, Esq.,  
The Hon. J. J. Kewley, Esq.,  
A. McConchie, Esq.,  
A. J. Raymond, Esq.,  
P. Sachs, Esq.,  
E. Sheilum, Esq.,  
R. Shevnan, Esq.,  
Chief Manager,  
HONGKONG: SIR THOMAS JACKSON.

Shanghai: J. F. WARD, Esq.,  
LONDON BANKERS: LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:  
For 3 months, 3 per cent per annum.  
For 6 months, 3 per cent per annum.  
For 12 months, 4 per cent per annum.

THOMAS JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 6th June, 1899. [19]

**HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.**

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 per cent per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1899. [16]

**IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.**

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF THE 17th NOVEMBER, 1896.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL Shanghai Taels 5,000,000  
PAID-UP CAPITAL 2,000,000

Head Office.—SHANGHAI.

Branches and Agencies:  
CANTON, HANKOW, CHEFOO, PEKING, CHIAOANG, SWATOW, YODCHOW, TIENTSIN.

THE Bank purchases and receives for collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places, and all Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers Payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH:  
Business made on approved securities.  
Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent per annum on the Daily Balance.  
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 4 per cent.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1899. [16]

## Intimations.

**PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.**

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS

LONDON.....*Manila*.....R. L. Haddock, R.N.R. About 17th August. Freight on Passage.

SHANGHAI.....*Bengal*.....S. Barcham About 18th August. Freight on Passage.

LONDON, &c.....*Paranahyba*.....A. Symons Noon, 19th August. Freight on Passage.

JAPAN.....*Rosetta*.....C. C. Talbot, R.N.R. 4 P.M., 19th August. Freight on Passage.

KOBÉ (Direct).....*Nankin*.....C. W. Bennett, R.N.R. Noon, 21st August. Freight only.

LONDON.....*Dombay*.....G. M. Montford, R.N.R. About 24th August. Freight on Passage.

JAPAN.....*Candia*.....W. H. Haughton, R.N.R. About 13th Sept. Freight only.

(Passing through the Inland Sea). (See Special Advertisement).

For Further Particulars apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 14th August, 1899. [5]

**CLUB WHISKY**

IS THE BEST.

812.00 PER DOZEN.

H. PRICE & Co., 12, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1899. [20]

**AQUARIUS.**

"A PERFECT TABLE WATER."

Allowance for the Empty when returned to our Cellars.

Per 1 Dozen Quarts .....\$2.50 \$1.00 \$1.50  
Per 1 Dozen Pints .....1.75 0.75 1.00

"There is no teaching in all the wide world of hygiene so valuable as the inculcation of the idea that typhoid fever is a water-borne disease. Excluding a not common liability to the air-diffusion of its germs, we acquire this ailment undoubtedly from water directly, or from milk which has been fouled by polluted water. Pure water means practically the abolition of both typhoid fever and cholera. Our safety abroad is to drink a pure Mineral Water only."—(Dr. Andrew Wilson in the "Illustrated London News.")

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO., GENERAL MANAGERS.

15, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 8th July, 1899. [15]

**BOARD**

AND

**RESIDENCE**

On Monthly Terms from 1st May, 1899.

**THE CLUB HOTEL, LIMITED.**

No. 5-B, DUND, YOKOHAMA.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL. Centrally situated, well furnished and supplied with excellent Cuisine and Good Wines.

The Company's Steam-launch attends the arrival and departure of all Mail Steamers.

Special attention paid to the Comfort of Visitors.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager.

Yokohama, 1st October, 1897. [36]

**LADIES.**

We can always supply your every need from day to day.

If you doubt it, come and try at "WHITELEY'S OF THE FAIR CATHAY."

EL. "FORMOSA"

New Millinery, &c., Latest Novelties in Ladies Apparel.

W. POWELL & Co., Limited, Opposite P. O. 1st floor.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1899. [27]

## Intimations.

**UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LIMITED.**

SOLE AGENTS IN HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, FOR THE

**UNITED ASBESTOS CO., LD., LONDON,**

CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT. MANUFACTURERS OF THE

Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS AND PACKINGS. HYDRAULIC AND SELF-LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS of all kinds. "VICTOR" METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.

ASBESTOS SALAMANDER BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best qualities. ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.

SUPERINTENDENT: THOS. SKINNER. DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

57] **PEAK HOTEL**

AND CRAIGIEBURN.

THE PEAK HOTEL is situated at VICTORIA GAP, adjoining the TRAMWAY TERMINUS, 1,350 feet above sea level. CRAIGIEBURN is situated at PLUNKETT'S GAP, five minutes walk from the PEAK HOTEL.

Fine Healthy location, variety of beautiful scenery. Cool Southerly breezes in Summer with perfect protection against the North East Winds in Winter. Well appointed rooms, attentive service and excellent Cuisine.

CITY OFFICE, 7, DUND STREET, Hongkong, 4th January, 1899. GEO. J. CASANOVA, Manager. [28]

**HOTEL ORIENTE, MANILA.**

THE Public are informed that this FINE and COMMODIOUS HOTEL is To-day entirely under ENGLISH MANAGEMENT, and is now on a par with the best managed Eastern Hotels. All the latest improvements and conveniences have been added to the building, including Electric Light throughout.

The Premises are specially constructed for the tropics, and every attention is paid to the Comfort and Convenience of Guests.

Cuisine of the best, and Prices Moderate. A First-Class Livery Stable is attached to the HOTEL. [804a]

WE BELIEVE YOU'LL LIKE

**SCHLITZ LAGER BEER,**

Of course you can live without drinking Beer but if you do drink it, better get SCHLITZ.

**WATKINS—SOLE AGENTS.**

SCHLITZ BEER is not made of Wit, Humor and Pathos, but they are all in it.

**APOTHECARIES HALL.**

Hongkong, 10th August, 1899. [14]

**PETER SYS' WONDERFUL SPECIFIC.**

THE only remedy at present known as an INFALLIBLE and PERMANENT CURE for SPRUE, DYSENTERY, DIARRHŒA, HEMORRHOGE and ULCERATION of the BOWELS.

Recommended by some of the Chief Specialists of the Medical Profession. Sold retail by all Chemists and Wholesale by THE PETER SYS COMPANY, (Proprietors and Sole Manufacturers), 9, Old China Street, Shanghai.

11th October, 1898. [1242]

**HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S HOTEL, on MONDAY, the 21st August, 1899, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to the 30th June, 1899, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matters that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 21st August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, C. MOONEY, Secretary.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1899. [988a]

**THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.**

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Hongkong Electric Company, Limited, will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 25th day of August, 1899, at 12 o'clock NOON, when the SUBJUNCTION RESOLUTION will be proposed.

Should the Resolution be passed, by the required majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a SPECIAL RESOLUTION to a SECOND EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING which will be subsequently convened.

That the Capital of the Company be increased to the sum of \$500,000 by the issue of 30,000 New Shares of \$10 each, which shall be considered part of the Original Capital, and be subject to the provisions in the Articles of Association contained with reference to CALLS, transfer, transmission, lien, surrender, cooling power and otherwise and that the Directors be authorized to issue such New Shares at par.

That the said New Shares be offered to the persons who on the 16th day of September, 1899, shall be the Registered Members of the Existing Shares in the proportion of one New Share for each Existing Share held by them.

By Order of the Board, GIBB LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1899. [1100a]

**HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held in the OFFICES of the Company, Queen's Buildings, Connaught Road, on MONDAY, the 21st August, at 3 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1899.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 21st August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 31st July, 1899. [990a]

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTRATION OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 19th day of August, (both days inclusive), during which Period NO TRANSFER of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1899. [990a]

**KUHN & KOMOR, JAPANESE FINE ART CURIOS.**

21 & 23, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG, and 35, WATER STREET, YOKOHAMA.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1899. [1100a]

## Intimations.

**HASTINGS' AND NEPHEW'S BEST YORK-CUT HAMS.**

FRESH AUSTRALIAN BACON, VERY MODERATE PRICE.

H. RUTTON, 13 & 15, PAGANUL STREET, Hongkong, and 21 & 23, ELGIN ROAD, KOWLOON.

Hongkong, 3rd June, 1899. [130a]

**THE MUTUAL STORES**

(SUB AGENTS LIPTON LIMITED), 28, 29 & 30, POTTINGER STREET, HONGKONG.

JUST ARRIVED

"SILVER SHIELD BRAND"

OF AMERICAN CANNED FRUIT.

EQUAL TO ANYTHING THAT HAS EVER BEEN PUT ON THE MARKET.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1899.

**THE LEADING CATERERS.**

COMPARE OUR MENU, BILLIARD TABLES and LIQUORS to all others.

THE GRILL ROOM, Hongkong, 1st September, 1899. [10]

**Insurance.**

**NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.**

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co., Hongkong, 28th May, 1899. [116]

**To be Let.**

**TO LET.**

SEMI-DETACHED VILLA RESIDENCES on Bowen Road (now in course of erection). PROPERTY lately occupied by the Bowington Saw Mills.

GROUND FLOOR, 54, PEARL STREET. OFFICES: 1st floor, No. 110, PRAYA CENTRAL. (Lately occupied by Messrs. MEIGERS & Co.)

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD. Hongkong, 21st June, 1899. [114]

**TO LET.**

ROOMS with or without BOARD, in CENTRAL POSITION. Summer Rates.

c/o of this Office. Hongkong, 17th May, 1899. [654a]

**TO LET.**

OFFICE ROOMS on 1st floor of No. 4 Queen's Road, Central, (lately the 12 PERIAL BANK OF CHINA).

Apply to Comptroller Office, E. C. HOCHAPPEL, Hongkong, 23rd March, 1899. [398a]

**TO LET UNTIL JUNE 1900.**

AT PRAYA CENTRAL—Whole, or Part of Rooms formerly occupied by the INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS OF HONGKONG.

Single Rooms from \$25 upwards. Apply to the MANAGER or SECRETARY, At No. 2, Praya Central.

Hongkong, 11th July, 1899. [904a]

**Hotel.**

**WINDSOR HOTEL, HONGKONG.**

STRICTLY FIRST CLASS.

PASSENGER ELEVATOR, TRANCE, HALL to each floor, BATHS and LODGING.

MONTHLY RATES GIVEN NOW.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1899. [1100a]



To-day's  
Advertisements.GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.  
No. 445.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on MONDAY, the 21st day of August, 1899, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,  
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Colonial Secretary.

Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 21st day of August, 1899, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Two Lots of CROWN LAND, at Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of Her Majesty the Queen for one further term of 75 Years.

No. of Sale	Lot No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Area in Acres	Annual Rent	Best Price
1	1008	Yau Ma Tei (near Police Station)	50 ft. by 150 ft. (150 ft. by 50 ft.)	1.25	7500	7500
2	1009	do.	40 ft. by 150 ft. (150 ft. by 40 ft.)	0.83	113	6300

## CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR MANILA.

## THE Company's Steamship.

"SUNGKIANG,"  
Captain Dodd, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 15th instant.  
The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer.

The Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th August, 1899. [1021a]

## CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR SHANGHAI.

## THE Company's Steamship.

"WHAMPOA,"  
Captain Sales, will be despatched as above ON WEDNESDAY, the 16th instant.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th August, 1899. [1023a]

## EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at MANILA, PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND ISLANDS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

## THE Steamship.

"GUTHRIE,"  
Captain MacArthur, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 17th instant, at 5 P.M. This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.  
A Stewardess and a duly-qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA, are available for return by the Steamers of the CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th August, 1899. [1013a]

## THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR MANILA.

## THE Company's New Steamship.

"DIAMANTE,"  
Captain G. A. Taylor, will be despatched for the above port, on FRIDAY, the 18th instant, at 5 P.M.  
The attention of Passengers is directed to the excellent Accommodation provided by this steamer. She is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 14th August, 1899. [1023a]

## CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR SHANGHAI.

## THE Company's Steamship.

"WUHU,"  
Captain Benson, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 19th instant.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th August, 1899. [1023a]

## THE OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

## FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

## THE Company's Steamship.

"MAIDZURU MARU,"  
Captain T. Ogata, will be despatched for the above ports, on SUNDAY, the 20th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
MITSUBISHI KAISHA,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th August, 1899. [1023a]

To-day's  
Advertisements.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

## THE Steamship.

## "CATHERINE APCAR."

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once.

Cargo remaining on board after the 16th instant, at 2 P.M., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Wanchai.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside; such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th August, 1899. [1029a]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## THE P. &amp; O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship.

## "NANKIN."

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 20th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 14th August, 1899. [5]

## Intimation.

## A. S. WATSON &amp; Co., LIMITED.

## WINE MERCHANTS.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

## CLARETS.

Wine	Per Case	Per Bottle
St. ESTEPHE, Red Capsule...	6.96	7.56
C. ST. JULIEN, Red Capsule...	9.00	9.60
D. LA ROSE, Red Capsule...	12.96	13.92
CHATEAU HAUT BRION LARIVET	18.00	19.20
CHATEAU MOUTAN D'ARMAIL	21.00	22.20
CHATEAU LONJUM CANET	25.00	—
CHATEAU LA TOUR CARNET	30.00	—
CHATEAU LAUZAN	42.00	—
CHATEAU LAFITTE	48.00	—

These CLARETS are bought direct from the leading French growers.

The lowest prices are of exceptional value and guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape, and are not artificially made as is generally the case with cheap Wines.

CHATEAU LA TOUR CARNET, CHATEAU LAUZAN and CHATEAU LAFITTE are commended to the notice of Connoisseurs as high-class after-dinner Wines of a rich and rare character.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

We guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine only when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 1899.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

## THE TRANSVAAL DIFFICULTY.

LONDON, August 11th.  
The *St. James Gazette* states that all the shipping Companies, under charter to the Admiralty for transport purposes, were notified yesterday to hold transports ready for immediate despatch.

## THE DREVUS AFFAIR.

The *Times* announces, it is in a position to state that Major Esterhazy, as an accomplice of Col. Henry, sold to M. Schwarzenberg, for important documents, including details of mobilization, Col. Henry and Major Esterhazy divided the proceeds. It was known in Parisian diplomatic circles that Col. Henry was the real traitor months before he committed suicide.

## WEATHER REPORT.

## The Observatory report says—

On the 13th at 11.55 a.m. The barometer continues to rise on the China coast and over the Philippines. Pressure is highest over the China Sea and Pacific; lowest in the N.E. part of the Sea of Japan. Gradients slight for S. and S.E. winds on the China coast. FORECAST—Light or moderate S. to S.E. winds; showery. On the 14th at 11.55 a.m. The barometer normal, but falling slightly on the China coast and over the Philippines. Pressure is highest in the Pacific to the S.E. of Japan; lowest in a belt stretching across S. China, Formosa and Eastwards to the Pacific. Gradients gentle with light variable winds on the China coast. FORECAST—S. or variable winds, light, showery.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

## The appointment of Mr. E. Jones to be Acting Assistant Harbour Master is gazetted.

We are informed that a general meeting of the Jubilee Committee will be held at 3.30 p.m. to-morrow, in the Council Chamber, when the new Hospital Scheme, and the Road question will be considered.

A YOUNG Chinaman, who appeared to be under 16 years of age, admitted having unlawfully pawned a blanket. Eight previous convictions were proved against him. His Worship ordered him to receive a whipping of 12 strokes.

SURVIVY work in the waters of Netherlands India towards the east has been so badly delayed that navigation there is unsafe. The Naval Department at Batavia is now fitting out an additional surveying vessel to remedy this shortcoming.

WONG TSUN and Tse On were this morning at the Magistracy sentenced to four months imprisonment with hard labour for burglariously entering No. 52, Cochrane Street, and stealing goods to the value of \$22.20, the property of a silversmith named Ng Pak.

HENLEY regatta closed on July 17th, and for the second time Mr. B. H. Howell, the young American oarsman, who has made his home in England for several years past, was winner of the diamond sculls. He rowed under the colours of the Thames Rowing Club and won handsomely from H. Blackstaffe of the Vesta Club. All the other prizes went to Englishmen.

FOUR Chinamen, named Wong Kwai, Leung Kum, Chau Yung and Leung Kit were this morning at the Magistracy, sentenced to pay a fine of \$100, or be imprisoned for three months, for having in their possession, on board their boat, 76 Mauser rifles and 45 revolvers, without a licence, on the 12th inst. Wong Kwai further pleaded guilty to carrying cargo in his junk in Victoria Harbour of this colony contrary to Ordinance 26, 1891, Sec. 38, and was sentenced to three months, to run consecutively.

LAST Sunday week, at 4.50 in the morning, while a police launch, in charge of Sergeant Burchall, was patrolling the waters of the harbour near Tsai-wan, his boat was run into by No. 3 launch belonging to the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. An enquiry was held this morning at the Harbour Master's Office before the Hon. R. Murray Rumsey, R.N., when it was shown that the collision was caused by the lights on the Dock launch not being in their proper position, being placed on the roof of the cabin. The coxswain of the Dock launch had his certificate suspended for three months.

We take the following from the Extract of Meteorological Observations for July, as published in the *Gazette*—The maximum temperature registered during the month was 91.5° on the 19th and the minimum 74.7° on the 1st; the mean being 82.9°, or 1.3° above the average. The rainfall during the month amounted to 10.125 in., or 4.085 in. below the average, rain falling on 17 days. There were 229.4 hours of sunshine recorded; the sun being totally obscured on one day only, the 2nd. The prevailing wind direction was S.E. by S. and the greatest velocity, 37.4 miles per hour, was attained on the 1st. At 5.30 p.m. on the 14th the Black South Cone was hoisted, the signal being changed to the Black Ball at 10.15 a.m. on the 15th and lowered at 1.20 p.m.

In his new book on Russia Mr. Alexis Kruss sums up his remarks respecting the gradual advance of the Northern Colossus eastward to Vladivostok and southward to Port Arthur and the banks of the Yalou as follows—"The end of the growth of the Russian empire can only be brought about by her reaching a frontier held and if need be defended by a nation stronger than herself. Until she is brought up by a boundary which she can neither break through nor surmount, Russia will most infallibly continue to advance her lines and to cover them, the advance line of yesterday becoming the covered line of to-day; and when from lack of opportunity or excuse she for a while restrains her growth, she busies herself with preparing for the future by a repetition of those tactics which have proved so successful in the past."

We are pleased to see by Government Notification No. 449, that Acting Battery Sergeant-Major G. L. Duncan is promoted in this week's *Gazette* to a lieutenancy in "C" Machine Gun Company. We have often wondered how it was that this deserving and hard working Non-Com. had not had any of the numerous commissions, that have been available in the Hongkong Volunteers offered him; but we suppose he has been waiting to be appointed to the command of the unit of which he had the honour of being the principal founder. We feel assured that all who have had the pleasure of serving under B. S. M. Duncan when he was performing the arduous and often thankless duties of a Non-Com. will be glad to hear of his promotion to a lieutenancy.

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## ROYAL ENGINEERS' ENTERTAINMENT.

Last Saturday another of these popular entertainments was given by the members of the Royal Engineers' Variety Club at their private little theatre in Wellington Barracks. The programme as usual consisting of two parts, the first being composed of variety turns while the second was devoted to a farcical sketch. Unfortunately the great services rendered by two of its members being invalided through sickness and another on duty at Sam Chun; their place was, however, ably filled by Sapper Long, R.E., who throughout the evening discoursed sweet music on the piano, of which he is no mean player.

The variety turns were not quite so good as we have heard at these concerts and, considering the great number of ladies present, a little more care in their selection would have been advisable. Among the comic singers were Sergeant Ward, R.A.M.C., and Corporal Harr, both well known to concert frequenters for their humorous singing and comic antics, and as their songs were well known to the audience the choruses were quickly picked up. Corporal Eveleigh was decidedly the best in his own line, singing in a fine baritone voice. Rudyard Kipling's "Mandalay." Corporal Welch was not in his usual form, but improved remarkably towards the end of his song.

The attraction of the evening undoubtedly was the sketch entitled "The Steeple Chase" by John M. Morton; which was some little time ago played with success by the Amateur Dramatic Club at the City Hall, when they gave the triple bill. It will be remembered that Mr. and Mrs. Bagnall-Wild then took part in this very laughable sketch, and though Mrs. Wild did not take a part on Saturday night, it was easy to see that the performers had had the benefit of her advice and tuition. For the benefit of our readers who did not see the piece acted at the City Hall we will give a brief outline of the plot and situations.

A rascally young spendthrift had clandestinely married the niece of a rich retired sailor-landlord. The uncle was outraged at his nephew's conduct, and so determined to take her down to Southampton, where her husband was going to ride, in a steeplechase, and so join husband and wife with his blessing. A ball in the employ of one of the rascally young spendthrifts, also heard of the rascally young spendthrift's intention of taking his niece down to Southampton, and as a means of getting rid of her, he arranged to have her married to a rascally young spendthrift, who was going to ride in the steeplechase.

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## SERIOUS ACCIDENT IN CHINA TOWN.

## TWO ROOFS COLLAPSE.

This afternoon at 1.45, the roof of No. 6, Chung Wo Lane, leading off Staunton Street, above Queen's College, fell in, fortunately no one was living in the upper story so nobody was hurt at this building. But the roof of No. 6 weakened the one on No. 4 which then gave way and injured three men and two women, who were living on the upper floor. A small boy fell through the floor and was covered with falling timber in No. 4, which probably saved his life, as when found he was uninjured. The two houses are two storeys high and belong to a Chinaman named Hip Loong, who used the basement of No. 6 as a painter's shop, No. 4 being rented by a Chinese jeweller. We are informed that the houses were very old and had had no repairs executed on them for some time, the immediate causes of their falling being the rain and the rottenness of the timbers.

The police were informed and Inspector Macnab came down with an ambulance and removed the injured people to the Hospital shortly after 2 p.m. Fortunately the roofs fell into the houses, so only the occupants were injured. Props have been placed to shore up the walls to prevent further damage.

## IMPORTANT SHIPPING CASES.

Two very important insurance cases are reported in the copy of *Fair Play* received by this week's French Mail. The first is one in which the shipowners, having a cargo of coal from Cardiff for Esquimaux, insured the freight with the China Traders' Insurance Company for £1,050. On the passage 40 tons had been lost on account of the coal heaving. The remainder of the cargo, 400 tons, was shipped and had to be re-shipped. It was then decided that the coal should be sold and another cargo procured for home, which was accordingly done. The shipowners sued the Insurance Company for the loss of freight and the case was tried by Mr. Justice Bigham in the Queen's Bench division, plaintiffs contending that the freight was lost on account of fire, one of the things insured against. His Lordship gave judgement in favour of the shipowners with costs. The other case tried before the same judge, was one in which the shipowners had accepted a cargo of cattle from the Plate to Deftford under the conditions that the ship should not call at any Brazilian port; as this would prevent the cattle from being landed at Deftford. The ship on her passage became leaky and was obliged to put into Bahia for repairs. In consequence of which the cattle could not be landed in England and had to be taken to Antwerp. The cattle owners lost money by the change of ports and sought to recover the owners for the loss. The judge decided that as the vessel had put into Bahia for the general interests of master and cargo, and that he was perfectly justified, and gave judgement in favour of the shipowners.

This copy also contains a brief of interest of a salvage equipment, and on the day after the mention of the words "Any disputes arising under this charter shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the charter party." The arbitrator was a Frenchman, and the decision was in favour of the shipowners.

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HITACHI MARU.....	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	THURSDAY, 24th August, at 4 P.M.
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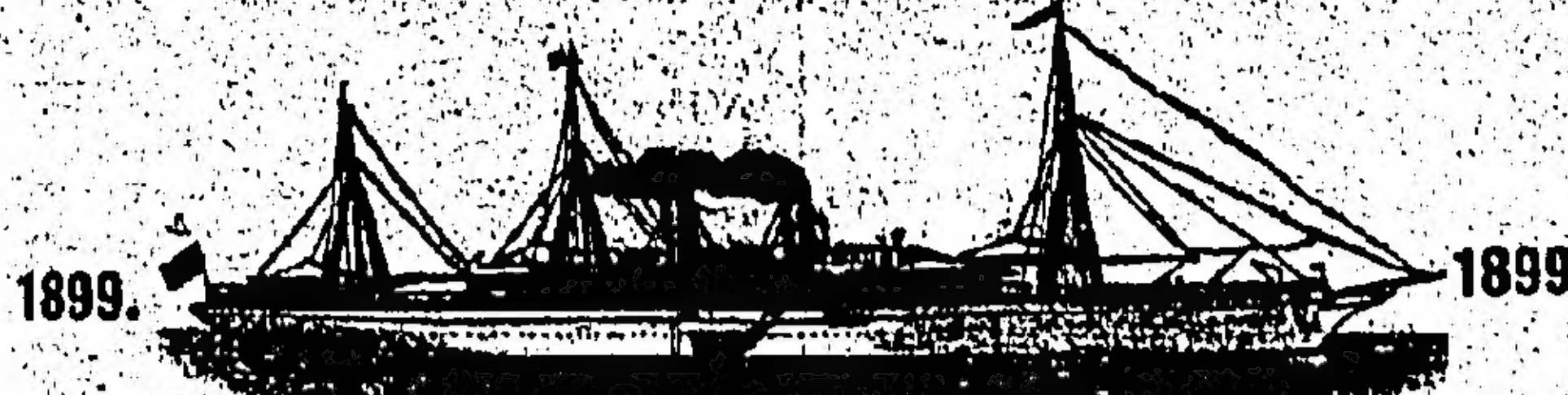
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Hongkong, 5th August, 1899.

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.  
Hongkong, 12th August, 1899.

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Tyra... [3406] about 18 Sept.



## BY THE MAIL.

(From Home Papers)

## The Alaska Boundary.

OTTAWA, July 12th.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Premier, to-day announced that Canada will protest strongly against the occupation of Pyramid Harbour by American forces pending the settlement of the Alaskan boundary question.

NEW YORK, July 12th.

Messrs. Steele, of Indiana, Hull, of Iowa, and Payne, of New York, all members of the House of Representatives, have returned from a visit to the chief disputed points on the Alaska boundary. Mr. Steele says: "I do not believe that the United States and Great Britain will come to blows over the matter. At the same time, I should not be inclined to surrender a foot of the disputed territory. I am sure that Congress will not give way."

Mr. Hull adds: "We have nothing to concede to Great Britain in a territorial way. We shall not accept anything less than the territory accorded under the original treaty." Mr. Payne declined to discuss the subject.

## Electioneering Scenes in Ohio.

Exciting scenes were witnessed at the Democratic Senatorial Convention at Cleveland, Ohio, on 13th ult. (says the Central News). After a hot discussion, a free fight took place. One delegate was hurled from the platform and badly injured, another was attacked with a knife, but managed to escape, while black eyes were plentiful. Mr. Campbell, ex-Governor of Ohio, was located off the platform.

## French and British Bluejackets.

JALAPAX, July 12th.

A dispatch received here from Sydney, Cape Breton, where a big regatta opens to-day, states that naval races arranged between crews from British and French warships have been declared off. The British sailors refusing to associate themselves with the French. The dispatch adds that the French cruiser *Joly* has been suddenly ordered to return to the French shore of Newfoundland. She will leave this morning.

## Split Among French Socialists.

A Paris telegram states that a serious split has occurred in the Socialist party. Some months ago a Central Committee had been formed that gave the various groups at least a semblance of cohesion, but M. Millerand's entrance into the Cabinet set the uncompromising section and the Opportunist section at loggerheads. A successful campaign has been going on since in the provinces, and the *Journal du Peuple* publishes a manifesto addressed to "Socialist and Labouring France" by three groups of Socialists affiliated to the Central Committee. The manifesto is signed by twenty-three Deputies, including MM. Vaillant, Chaurièvre, Dejeante, Groussier, Marcel Sembat, and Jules Guesde, and by a number of Paris Municipal Councillors. The split, therefore, is a serious one. The malcontents had an easy task in drawing up their protest. They had only to take the former declaration of M. Millerand and M. Jaures denouncing "sham Socialist policies made up of compromises and deviations that certain self-styled Socialists are trying to substitute for a revolutionary class policy" or another declaring that "the Socialist party cannot become a Ministerial party without committing suicide."

It is rather piquant to find the very argument of the Socialist shepherds now turned against themselves by part of their unruly flock. M. Jaures has been preaching for some time, and been eloquently preaching union in his *Journal La Petite République* during the last few days, and arguing that it would be "unscientific" to cause a split without holding a congress to regulate officially the relations between the revolutionary and Socialist working classes and *Bourgeois* society. But he has been preaching in the desert. The ancient point whether the split will weaken or strengthen French Socialism, taken as a whole, some think that now the Socialists are able to offer the option of joining a Ministerial party, or a purely revolutionary party, they will gain more recruits than ever.

## M. Beaurepaire.

M. Ouesney de Beaurepaire has made up his mind that no second "Karl" shall spoof him again. A Secretary now goes through his letters for him, and disposes, on his own responsibility, of such of them as do not appear to contain unimpeachable proofs of the guilt of Dreyfus. The *Times* correspondent is unkind enough to go further and to recommend the ex-judge to keep a "specialist" in brain disease handy to protect him from his own hallucinations. There will be good sport at Rennes, in the dog days, if the Court-martial allows M. de Beaurepaire to intervene. M. Comely, in the *Figaro*, declares that he hopes the permission will be given, in order that there may be no excuse for any "general paralysis," who are not to be confounded with paralytic Generals, to assert that Dreyfus has been acquitted by order. At the same time, M. Comely warns M. de Beaurepaire that his zeal is less likely to lead to the condemnation of Dreyfus than to that of General Mercier. Which is extremely probable.

## The Release of General Giletta.

ROME, July 10th.

The pardon accorded General Giletta has caused an excellent impression in official circles, and is regarded as a fresh proof of the friendly relations existing between Italy and England. The majority of newspapers consider that the step taken by President Loubet shows the desire of the French Government to be on the best possible terms with the Italian Government. The opinion is generally expressed here that the Emperor William's visit to the *Malghera* and the decision as regards General Giletta are symptoms favourable to the continuance of European peace. The *Messenger* commenting on General Giletta's release, and on the exchange of telegrams between the German Emperor and President Loubet, dwells on the importance of the two incidents, coming as they do on the eve of the twentieth century, as the prelude to a sound and lasting peace. It is stated that General Giletta, on his arrival at Pisa, will be placed under close arrest.

A telegram from Nice states that General Giletta of San Giuseppe is proceeding to Genoa. He was accompanied to the station by his counsel. Most of the anti-Revolutionary newspapers, animated by the General's release, which they say justifies a fresh proof that the Government only exercises its power against the army. The *Figaro* and *Le Temps* have both remarked that the pardon granted to General Giletta is an act of great international courtesy.

## A Splendour of the Dreyfus Case.

According to the *Radical*, reports received from correspondents in Paris indicate that the Dreyfus case is being handled with great skill by General Pellieux and M. Delors, the Minister of War, in consequence of a plan which was drawn up by the General's family into a new direction.

## Torturing Prisoners in Hungary.

Shocking details are given by the Vienna correspondent of the *Daily News* of the torture applied to three men and three women by the local authorities of the town of Mosca, near Komorn, in Hungary, in order to obtain from them the confession of a robbery they had not committed. The news will be read in England with the keenest regret, for nowhere is an Englishman made more welcome than in Hungary, and of no people does the traveller retain pleasanter recollections. That individuals should be savages happens in all countries, but that a Government should tolerate such acts is another matter.

It seems that when the robbery was discovered the district judge had twelve persons arrested without the slightest grounds of suspicion. Stephen Kovacs was the first caught, and as he would not confess, his hands were chained to his feet, and he was thrashed in this position with a cane on the soles of his feet and the abdomen until the cane split. Nollner, the Secretary of the Commune, who administered this torture, took a heavy walking stick, and struck Kovacs, while the district judge himself, with spurred boots, trampled upon his handcuffed hands. The man, however, did not confess, though the torture was prolonged. He was then hit with a stick of iron, poured on a tin plate, and set fire to under Kovacs' naked feet, and this being of no avail, poured the burning liquid on to the man's feet. The judge then struck the poor wretch about the ears until he fainted.

When he regained consciousness, feeling that he could no longer endure his torturing pains, he confessed the theft, saying that he had buried the money under a tree. The place was searched, and the money was of course not found. The inquisitors therefore returned to Kovacs, and continued the torture. His hands were tied together behind his back, and he was hung up by them. He fainted, however, and was taken down, but only to be thrashed until the sticks fell from the torturer's hands. Nollner then took out a pocket-knife and inserted the point of the blade under Kovacs' finger-nails. The victim at this point fainted and fell off his seat. He had no food and no drink for four days.

The other prisoners were subjected to similar tortures. This went on until Desider Todt, the village smith, hearing of the infamous treatment of the prisoners, confessed that he had committed the robbery, and returned the money.

Although the facts were known six months ago, the Hungarian Government allowed all the scoundrels responsible to continue in office, and only on 11th ult. were the judge and the secretary suspended, two other officials being dismissed. No one has been arrested since the killing of the Reichstag held on 12th ultimo said that the judge was too bad to be hanged, and should be thrashed to death.

## Chinese in British Columbia.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, on 11th inst., considered an appeal from British Columbia, in which some shareholders of the Union Colliery Company sought an injunction to restrain the directors from employing Chinese immigrants either in positions of trust and responsibility, or as labourers below ground in winning the coal with pick and shovel. An expression of opinion was quoted from Mr. Justice Drake, who originally heard and dismissed the application, to the effect that Chinese were more cautious than white miners, and there were fewer accidents among them; and his lordship came to the conclusion that the real reason for the opposition to their employment was that it tended to keep down the price of white labour. The Judicial Committee reserved judgment.

## The Situation in China.

The report that the Russian Government is anxious to raise a loan in the United States is, somewhat cynically, regarded by the *New York Journal of Commerce*, among other papers, as the natural sequel of the professions of goodwill recently forthcoming from Russian officials and publicists. The practical value of these professions is evidenced by some Consular statistics published by the Department of State, showing that the trade of the United States with China has grown at a marvellous rate everywhere except at the Northern ports. There the Russians monopolize everything, and load vessels and land cargoes as though Newswang belonged to them, totally ignoring the Customs House. It is this kind of thing, rather than any purely diplomatic question, which might tempt America to depart from her attitude of reserve in the Far East, and stand up for the Treaty rights that are being prejudiced by Russian aggression. A correspondent who recently wrote to Sir Charles Dilke, M.P., upon the subject of British prestige in China, has received the following reply: "Sir Charles Dilke fears that the public are giving at this moment too much attention to Africa to have interest left for the affairs of China—the far more important of the two. The great Imperial interest in South Africa—namely, the coal-mining station for the Cape route, does not appear to be jeopardized by present events, while in China time is slipping away and opportunities are being lost to British trade."

## French Indo-China.

A statement is circulated from the French Ministry of the Colonies to the effect that the Budget for Annam and Tong-King for 1898 has been closed, showing a net excess of \$1,750,000. The Cambodian Budget also shows something like \$500,000 to the good. Cochin China would also show a good result, if it was not for the fact that previous deficits had to be made good.

## Colonial Expansion of Continental Powers.

The Hague correspondent of the *Times* forwards to that journal a paper by M. de Bloch on the colonial expansion of the Continental Powers, in which he examines by the light of statistics the question whether colonies and foreign markets are a good investment for Continental States, and what kind of profits they may be expected to yield in the future. He assumes that colonial interests are put forward as the sole plea for naval expenditure, because other and better reasons are wanting. His main proposition is that all differences concerning colonies and distant markets ought to be settled by arbitration.

## Return of Capt. Davies.

Captain H. R. Davies, of the Oxfordshire Regiment, has arrived in London from Yunnan, where he has been conducting the reconnaissance of the railway route from Burma to the Yunnan.

## A Betrothal.

A marriage has been arranged between Colonel J. G. Dillon, Royal Artillery, Assistant Military Secretary Army Headquarters, and Mary Caroline, youngest daughter of Lieut. General G. Digby Barker, C.B. of Clare Priory, Suffolk. Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Bermuda.

## The Kaiser's Latest Invention.

The German Emperor has invented a journal, and called it a *Wack*.

ington. His duty is to read the papers. This is the chief occupation of the Diplomatic service, except in England, where the work is harder and they have to dine a good deal as well as to read the papers. The expedition is a well as Mr. Chouteau says. There is a feeling in Europe that life moves faster in America and inaccuracies are liable to slip into the papers unobserved. Will journalist attach go beyond reading, marking, learning, and officially contradicting the papers? It looks like it, if the reports be true that Mr. Kruger has lately paid large sums as a bribe to a single English paper.

## The Mahdi's Prisoner.

Mr. Charles Neufeld has arrived in London, and he has given to the *Daily News* a forecast of the life of the Mahdi, which he will serve up to the British public through the medium of a magazine that has already distinguished itself as a vehicle for the exploitation of the sensational. There is, however, no romance about Mr. Neufeld; all the barbarities and cruelties of Omdurman described by this enduring German were terrible realities; his brief description of the Umm-Hagar, or stone jug, alone, will, with due expansion, surpass anything that could be imagined in the future line, and he has yet to give us the authentic story of Gordon's death. For the latter reason the unfolding of his story will have a world-wide interest.

## Lo Ben's Fright on the Great Wheel.

Prince Lobengula had a strange experience the other afternoon at Epsom. Anticipating that a trip on the Great Wheel might prove an interesting experience, he accompanied an official for that purpose, and whether by accident or design, it proved to be the very trip on which the eighth demonstration of the emergency unloading gear took place. Lo Ben appears to have become very much alarmed during his experiences of the afternoon, and seems to have been heartily relieved when he was ultimately placed on firm ground by the basket apparatus now in use on such occasions.

## Taxed Bachelors.

"Great joy reigns among the fair sex in Hesse," so says the Berlin correspondent of the *Daily News*. The principle of the taxation of bachelors has at last found acceptance in the Diet of the Grand Duchy of Hesse, and unmarried men are to pay a surtax of 25 per cent. on their incomes over and above what the married men pay. We await the result of the experiment with some interest. The marriage rate in Hesse ought to go up by leaps and bounds, for in that frugal country a bachelor will be able to keep a wife on the old twenty-five per cent. easily, so that they shall see how far a man's marital tendencies have been checked by pecuniary considerations. If the estimate of the Hessian Diet is realised the Hessian bachelor will become as rare as the Hessian booby.

## The Lee-Metford Bullet and the Dum-Dum.

A return is published showing the effects of Lee-Metford bullets in the recent fighting in India, and also the effects of the Dum-Dum bullet and the Martini-Henry bullet. Instances were given of the slight wounds caused by the Lee-Metford bullet. A native of the Swat Valley was struck by three Lee-Metford bullets at the Malakand on April 3rd, 1895, in the thigh, buttocks, and arm. Two days afterwards the man walked to camp, had his wounds dressed, and walked away again. Another was hit by six bullets, and rapidly recovered. At Khar native was struck by a Lee-Metford bullet in the head. The bullet passed through the head, penetrating the frontal lobe of the brain, but there were no bad symptoms. Reports on the effect of the Dum-Dum bullet used in the fighting show that when it strikes a hard bone a severe wound is caused, but that otherwise the wound is no worse than when the Lee-Metford is used, and is less severe than a Martini-Henry wound. In considerable number of cases the Dum-Dum bullet left the body unaltered in shape.

## The German Post-Office.

The German Imperial Post Office has lately made several experiments with a view to testing the rapidity of the conveyance of mails overland from Berlin to Tientsin. The result has not been entirely satisfactory. In a few instances the mails arrived sooner by the Siberian Railway than if they had been sent by sea, but in general they reached their destination considerably later. The Russian postal authorities were frequently unable to forward the mails to their destination. The Chinese frontier has mounted posts at Ula, Kalgan, and Peking to Tientsin, and generally left them to be conveyed by the slow monthly carriage service. In the meantime the experiments have been abandoned; but it is intended to resume them in the winter months.

## Chinese Coins.

The interesting collection illustrating the coinage and currency of the Chinese Empire, brought home by Lord Charles Bessford from his recent mission to China, has been lent by him to the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington. This collection includes a series of cast-ings of coins of various sizes, in the form of silver ingots in the rough, with a pair of scales with brass and ivory weights for estimating the value, and some fragments used as small change. There is a set of dollars of different nationalities which pass in China, among them being the new British dollar, coined in India. Among the copper coinage is a collection of 10,000 cash, strung together in bundles, representing 10 in English money. This exhibit has been placed in the Chinese Section in the Cross Gallery behind the Imperial Institute. The entrance to this gallery is through the Indian Section, Victoria and Albert Museum.

## Alleged Prospect of a Water Famine.

The *Daily Chronicle* contains the somewhat alarming statement that London is on the eve of another water famine. The flow of the Thames, it says, is less than it has been at this period for many years, and the amount which the water companies abstract is greater than ever it has been. The resources of the companies are strained to the utmost, and there is every probability that the famine of last year will be repeated in a more acute form. The Government declared that all that was required was to pass a bill facilitating inter-communication of the water companies, but this becomes useless when no company has a surplus. There are several reasons why the famine may be expected to be worse than last year. The flow of the Thames has never been so low during May and June in any year for which records can be obtained. The average flow of the river during the last sixteen years during those two months has been about 950,000,000 gallons. In May this year it fell to an average of 600,000,000 gallons, and in June it was less than that. Only about 200,000,000 gallons flowed over Teddington Weir, and the water companies are taking half of the Thames, and the proportion which they will abstract will

increase as the season advances. The companies are called to take 150,000,000 gallons a day from the river, but during June they took as much as 142,000,000 gallons on some days, and they are now taking more.

## Perilous Ballooning Adventure.

Two gentlemen, Mr. J. J. Schmidt, of the Empress Hotel, and Mr. T. Croft, a member of the Bradford City Council, had a remarkable adventure in a balloon on a recent Saturday. The balloon started in a strong wind from Bradford Moor Park, at five minutes to seven o'clock A.M. being swept along the ground, Mr. Bingham, who was standing on the edge of the car, was caught by some bushes. Torn from his place, he fell unhurt among the shrubs. Relieved of his weight, the balloon shot upwards, and Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Croft at once realised the danger of their position, for they were travelling at a great rate. They appear to have first held a meeting and passed a resolution to have a drink. A search of the coat which their friend had left behind brought to light a flask of brandy. Thus refreshed, they began to take stock of the situation, and they found that the balloon showed a tendency to descend in a populous district. They had enough of the root of the matter in them to know that they must throw out ballast to counteract this tendency. They did so, and shot up higher than ever. Then they found leisure to admire the views while waiting for their opportunity, and at length found it, by plunging down safe and sound into a wheat crop with the aid of cord and grapnel.

## Sultry Britain.

Although the greater part of July and the whole of August have yet to come, says a mail paper, last year's heat record of 129 degrees in the sun, which occurred during August, has been nearly reached. The temperature in the City on 11th inst. at one o'clock was 128 in the sun and 85 in the shade—the highest figures of the present year. A number of people were when the sun was in the streets by the heat. An effect of the hot weather has been to bring a plague of mosquitoes not only into the East-end of London, but also to several of the suburban districts south of the river, notably Worcester Park, Cheam, Ewell, and villages adjacent to Farnham. Several districts of England were on 12th ult. visited by a sharp thunderstorm, which wrought havoc among property, and caused considerable loss of life. For a time the lightning seems to have been terrifying, and the thunder peals appallingly loud and prolonged. The storm appears to have been pretty general, but its effects were most noticeable in Westmorland, Lincolnshire, and Yorkshire. At Goole several persons were struck down by lightning, one man being killed while working in the new cut connecting the Sheffield and Goole Canals. Two houses were struck near Leeds, and one man almost lost his life. At Silkestone, near Barnsley, a haymaker was killed.

## Posthumous Honours for Paul Jones.

It is announced from Washington, says a Central News message, that the State Department recently instructed the United States Embassy in Paris to try to discover the burying-place of Paul Jones, in order that posthumous honour might be paid the patriot buccannier by erecting a monument over his bones. The officials of the Embassy have now replied that all their efforts to find the remains have been fruitless, and they express the belief that the body was relegated to the Potter's Field of a century ago. (Paul Jones was a Scottish-American naval adventurer, who died in Paris in 1792. He entered the American navy, and captured the *Drake*, a British sloop of war, in 1778. In the same year war began between France and England, and Jones was again on the side of our enemies. In a converted East Indian man, renamed *Bonhomme Richard*, Jones cruised about the English coast. The battle between the *Drake* and the *Scraper* (41 guns) and the *Bonhomme Richard* is one of the greatest in naval history. The *Scraper* surrendered, but the victor sank. Jones, whose real name, by the way, was John Paul, entered three services one after another. After serving the Americans and the French, he joined the Russian navy and rose to be rear-admiral.)

## The America Cup.

The latest trial race between the *Columbia* and *Defender* proves more disappointing to yachtsmen as they go over the ground carefully. Though the new boat crossed the winning line first the victory in many quarters is virtually awarded to the *Defender*. Considering the fact that Captain Duncan, who handled the *Defender*, is an amateur, while Captain Bluff, of the *Columbia*, is a veteran, it is felt that the race has by no means shown the *Columbia* to be the better yacht. The *Defender* stands up better in the wind and takes a rough sea with more ease than the *Columbia*. Several minor alterations are to be made on the *Columbia*, and if after that she does not show her heels to the *Defender* the *Defender* will probably be entered against the *Shamrock*.

The *Shamrock's* appearance in the Solent on 8th ult. was an event of much interest. In appearance the *Shamrock* is something of the *Britannia* and *Valkyrie* type. Yet she is a departure from both, and appears to have been built on the lines of the German Emperor's *Kommodore*. She is a stiff boat, and stands well up to her work. She has a long overhanging counter. She takes the water with the merest ripple, and comes away as clear as possible under her stern. She picked up a ketch down the West Channel, and sheeted her sails to make her way to the free run back. With everything hauled over to starboard, and the wind taking her on the opposite quarter, she showed but the slightest starboard leech. Her steel masts and boom are grained to give them the appearance of wood. She carried, in addition to the mainsail, a jib and jib topsail and a small topsail. All but the last-named were well set when she entered the Solent and cut to the boom ends. The run was not, of course, a test of her racing qualities, as the wind in no way favoured such an experiment.

## The Blaisy Meeting.

The fortieth meeting of the National Rifle Association, and the present ground at Blaisy, opened on 10th ult. under exceedingly pleasant conditions. The entries received for the Queen's and St. George's competition, the chief purely volunteer events, are more numerous than for some years past. Especially encouraging, also, are the nominations to hand on behalf of the young marksmen who will compete for the new series of valuable prizes for first prize in the various events. These conditions were not to take place for a week. The proceedings commenced with shooting by teams of Regular Infantry in the Evelyn Wood Challenge Cup Competition, and by teams of Regular, Naval and Military to the Methuen Cup, the latter contest being under the auspices of the Army Rifle Association. Chief interest was centred in the former event, in which nine teams, selected after a preliminary competition at Aldershot, took part. Of these five belonged to the 1st Battalion of the North Devonshire Regiment, three to the Royal West Devonshire, and one to the West Yorkshire.

The Challenge Cup was won by E. Company of the Northamptonshire Regiment. The Methuen Cup was won by the team representative of the Hythe School of Musketry. On 11th inst. the Humphrey competition was won by the Oxford team, which beat Cambridge by 758 points to 716; the Waldegrave by Major the Hon. T. F. Fremantle; and that between teams of Volunteers and Regular officers by the Regulars. A somewhat serious discovery was made during the opening competitions. The ammunition (No. IV) which had shot fairly well in the morning was found defective as the heat increased during the day. At a meeting held by the National Rifle Association, it was decided to withdraw the new missile and to revert to the old type. On 12th ult. the Bass competition was won by Dr. J. C. Sellers, of Dundalk, whose aggregate was tied with by Mr. T. Caldwell, Rifle Association. The Albert Prize fell to Sergeant J. E. Marth, of the Highland Light Infantry.

## Intimations.

## NOTICE.

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ETH. F. SKERTCHLY, Manager. Hongkong, 1st May, 1899.

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DENTISTRY. SUI SANG, (Lately Practising with Dr. I. SAKATA), DENTIST, No. 4, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, 8th March, 1899. [18a]

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